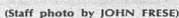


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## NEWS

## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

## Partney criticizes city

Mayoral candidate David Partney says Granite City officials should never have let the city of Madison annex portions of Chouteau Island, including Waste Management's Chain of Rocks Landfill.

But Mayor Ron Selph said the city is currently negotiating with its neighbor to the south and that the matter is being addressed.

Madison annexed about 600 acres of Chouteau Island, including the landfill and the old Chain of Rocks Bridge, Oct. 8. The annexed property extends from the south end of the island to Interstate 270, excluding property owned by the federal government such as Lock and Dam 27 and the Tri-City Regional Port.

All of the annexed parcels are owned by Waste Management.

Partney urged the city to file suit against Madison immediately.

Selph said that negotiations with Madison are continuing, but declined to give details due to their "delicate" nature.

"I just don't want to let our citizens think we've been asleep on this issue."

"It is being addressed," Selph said.

## 3 jump from building

A woman and two small children were forced to jump from the second story of an apartment building in Madison to escape a smoky fire early Monday morning.

The fire apparently started when a stove was left on. According to police reports, Towanne S. Russell of the 100 series of Grenzer Homes was asleep at about 1:30 a.m. when her three-year-old daughter woke her up, complaining that she couldn't breathe because of smoke.

Russell opened a window and dropped both children to the ground. She then jumped out of the apartment.

None of the three were injured.

## Yard waste plan approved

Heavy rains last week teamed up with hundreds of thousands of fallen leaves to clog catch basins in Granite City, resulting in flooded streets.

But city residents will soon have a permanent option to dispose of leaves as well as grass clippings and brush.

The Granite City Council approved siting Wednesday night for a permanent yard waste drop off facility to be located off 25th Street between Center Street and the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks.

## Costello calls for reform

After winning re-election easily, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello issued a call for campaign finance reform.

Costello, 47, a Democrat and former St. Clair County Board chairman, said campaign finance reform should be the first priority of the 106th Congress and vowed to re-introduce legislation he previously proposed calling for an end to Political Action Committee donations, eliminating "soft" money from political parties in Congressional races and placing limits on the amount of money a candidate may spend.

## No more cars in yards

There are many places to park cars, trucks and other vehicles in Granite City.

But your yard is no longer an option. The City Council on Wednesday adopted an ordinance making it illegal to park motor vehicles in yards on residential lots.

Violations may be punished with a fine of up to \$750.

## McGinnis trek cost: \$4,500

Starting with about \$6,000 in cash, murder suspect Kelly L. McGinnis eluded an 86-day manhunt while driving the same vehicle and without altering his appearance, authorities said.

He evaded police by not using credit cards, camping out often and staying out of trouble.

"It's a huge country," said Deputy U.S. Marshal Michael Rehag. "If nobody ran his plates, he could have used his real name the whole time."

Rehag was the deputy marshal assigned to the case for over two months after local authorities charged McGinnis.

Greenville police are sifting through clues found in McGinnis' dark green Ford Windstar van after he was caught in Vandallia Wednesday. They hope to determine where he went and how he lived.

So far, McGinnis is believed to have been to Colorado, Florida, Wisconsin,

Georgia and Kentucky. He may have acted like a tourist the entire time, authorities said.

Authorities said the following items were discovered in the van:

About \$1,500 in cash, apparently all the money McGinnis had left.

Receipts from a few motels.

Photos and undeveloped film apparently taken by McGinnis of scenery.

A notebook containing McGinnis' handwriting.

Two boxes of 12-gauge shotgun ammunition.

Lorton said police are analyzing the ammunition for a possible match to shots that killed Greenville City Attorney Thomas Meyer on Aug. 12, and two spent rounds found at the offices of Larry Lefevre in Vandallia after McGinnis allegedly shot up the place before his capture Wednesday.

McGinnis has been charged with

first-degree murder in connection with Meyer's death. He is being held in the Fayette County Jail without bond.

A preliminary hearing is set for Nov. 21. Police said many of the numerous reported sightings of McGinnis during his time on the run were probably not legitimate.

"In our opinion, probably none (were valid), except the one where he was actually seen standing on his former attorney's front porch," Rehag said. "We ran down about 30 leads a day sometimes, and we knew there probably was nothing to them, but we had to do our job."

Part of the reason for the ease of flight is that police do not keep a checklist of license plate numbers for wanted persons. General policy is to request information only on suspicious vehicles, Rehag said.

—From The Telegraph

(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

**First ticket** — Granite City Firefighter/paramedic Greg Nighthosian, left, sells the first ticket to a benefit dinner dance to Mayor Ron Selph, right. The dance will be held from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 30 at the Elks Lodge on Maryville Road. Tickets are \$10 per person and include dinner of a strip steak, baked potato, salad and dessert. Music will be provided by Python Productions and Music Magic by Jeff and Lori. All proceeds from the event will go to the Granite City Fire Department for the purchase of a thermal imaging helmet. At center is Fire Chief Keith Talley.



## Parker new school board president

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The Granite City School Board has new leadership. Board member Jeff Parker, a police detective and sergeant, was elected president of the board Tuesday during its annual reorganizational meeting.

"I'd like to continue the progress and the success we've been experiencing," Parker said.

Parker succeeds Eldin Rea as president of the board. Rea was elected board treasurer Tuesday.

Rea thanked other board members, Superintendent Steve Balen and the district staff for their cooperation over the past year.

"I think it is a great school district and I want to publicly thank you all," Rea said.

Board member Ron Dillard, a retired teacher, was elected vice president of the board and member John Caudron was elected board secretary.

All of the officers were elected by acclamation and are to serve in their new capacities for one year.

In other action Tuesday, the board voted to uphold an administrative recommendation to expel a high school student for the remainder of the school year.

The student allegedly struck an assistant principal, breaking the administrator's ribs.

The parents of the student in question declined to exercise their right to a disciplinary hearing prior to the action, Balen said.

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By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

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# A field of their own

## Volunteers plan field for flag football program

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

By this time next year — and for the first time ever — participants in the Granite City Park District's youth flag football program will have a field to call their own.

A grassroots group of volunteers is spearheading a campaign to build a first-class facility for the growing flag football program, complete with restrooms, a concession stand, lights, a fence and even a press box, all located in Worthen Park.

The \$80,000 facility is being built solely with private donations of labor, materials and cash.

Those wishing to contribute to the project should call the Wilson Park office at 777-3659 or Kelly Hogan at 931-6538.

The program is growing by leaps and bounds — we have about 50 more kids out each year and their goal is to have their own facility," said Dave Polivick, director of

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parks and recreation. "They need a place where they can play four or five nights a week and not have to worry about softball schedules."

Program participants are in the third through sixth grades.

Until this year, games were played at the lighted Worthen Park softball diamond and had to be scheduled around softball games.

This year, games are being played at the newly-renovated George Sykes Field in Wilson Park. But the youthful football players still have to compete with softball for field time.

Hogan and Joe Wallace decided to initiate the effort to build a new facility exclusively

for the flag football program, now in its sixth year. But the financially-strapped park district had no funds available for new facilities.

"A lot of people complain that the park district needs to do this or do that," Polivick said. "But Joe and Kelly came in and said, 'This is what you need to do, here's how to do it and as a matter of fact, we'll do it for you.'"

"We just wanted to do this for the kids," Wallace said.

The flag football program began with about 90 participants six years ago, Wallace said. That number has grown to more than 250 this year.

Construction began on the new facility last weekend and the building's foundation is scheduled to be poured next week.

An existing soccer field in Worthen Park is being relocated to another area of the park to facilitate the football field.

Granite City High School



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Organizers of the Granite City Park District flag football program broke ground last week on a new \$80,000 facility in Worthen Park. Pictured from left at the groundbreaking are Bill Thompson, architect; park commissioner Dave Dombek; Bob Love; commissioner George Sykes; David Cooper of Eagles Lodge 1126; commissioner Barry Loman; Ron Yates; Joe Wallace; Nick Petrillo; Daren DePew; Walter Milton Jr.; and Kelly Hogan.

Varsity football coach Nick Petrillo said the new football facility can only have a positive impact on the high school program.

"What it means is the kids will be coming into the system knowing the fundamentals of their positions," Petrillo said. He said the school's freshman

and sophomore programs had successful seasons in part because many of the players are products of the park flag football program.

# Fire costs village equipment

HARTFORD — Public service is taking on new meaning as village officials struggle to cope with the fire destruction of almost all the community's Public Works equipment.

A late-night fire Friday destroyed the village garage on Old St. Louis Road. The blaze was battled by fire crews from Hartford, Roxana and South Roxana.

"I don't know the price tag of the building yet; we've notified the insurance company, but, being a holiday weekend, we haven't had a response yet," Mayor Ron Goode said Sunday.

"Seven-eighths of the building has been destroyed."

Lost in the fire were a road grader, street sweeper and dump truck. Severely damaged were a sanitation truck and end loader.

"And we don't know what kind of heat damage we've got to the backhoes, rollers and things like that," Goode said. "Those have to be substantially checked out."

An office area and two of the garage's eight bays were spared.

"The only things that we salvaged were a pickup truck and a

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— Ron Goode  
Hartford mayor

Public Works car," Goode said.

He has been in touch with neighboring jurisdictions in hopes of getting loaner equipment.

He said he has talked to Wood River Township and East Alton and plans to contact Wood River, Roxana and South Roxana officials.

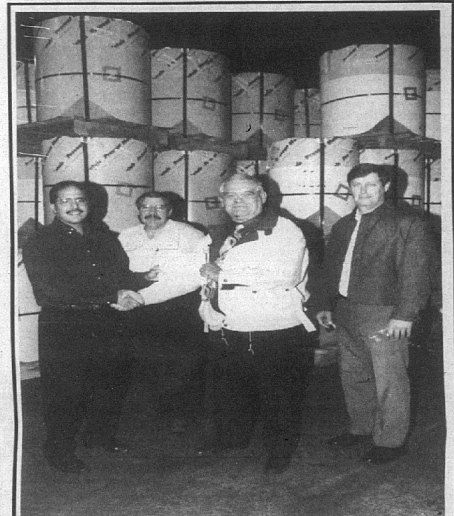
"I've been in contact with (state) Rep. Steve Davis, and he's referred me to some of the local townships," he said.

The State Fire Marshal's Office has not yet determined the cause of the fire, he said.

The Village Board will meet in emergency session at 7 p.m. Thursday to discuss how services will be provided.

Goode said he is hoping to get in touch with the village insurer, the risk management program of the Illinois Municipal League.

— From The Telegraph



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Donation — Dave Paz, environmental safety coordinator for Precast Metals in Granite City, left, along with Gene Buckner, the company's material foreman, presents a \$1,000 check to Jack Quigley, director of the Emergency Management Association and the chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee for Madison County. The money will be applied to the purchase of equipment and training for the proposed county hazardous materials response truck. With them is Granite City Fire Chief Keith Talley, right. The truck will be used to respond to any hazardous material spills in the county, with all 36 departments participating. \$5,000 of the \$90,000 needed has been collected, and Vesco Distributing has donated the vehicle. Paz said that the donation comes along with the challenge to other area companies to make donations as well.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

### By RICK REED Attorney At Law

Sometimes the parties to a dissolution of marriage will enter into settlement negotiations before the divorce is finalized. What if the husband and wife have apparently reached an oral agreement, and then one of the parties changes his mind? Is this agreement binding on the parties?

Illinois law states that if one spouse wishes to assert that there was an oral property settlement agreement, that spouse will have to establish the existence of this agreement by clear and convincing evidence. The question that frequently arises in these cases is whether the husband and wife intended that the agreement be put in writing before it would be considered complete. If this is the case, there can be no contract between the husband and wife until there is a writing, even if the actual terms of the divorce have been agreed upon by the parties.

In one recent case, the wife filed for divorce after a 16-year marriage. During one contested hearing involving property issues, the Court recessed during which time the parties discussed settlement of their property disputes. The parties apparently entered into an oral property settlement agreement, but the agreement was never put in writing.

Later, the husband asked that a judgment of dissolution be entered with division of their property in accordance with the terms of the alleged oral property settlement agreement. The wife admitted that the parties had undertaken settlement negotiations, but she denied the existence of any oral agreement. The trial judge refused to enforce the oral property settlement agreement. The testimony resumed, and the Court entered a judgment of dissolution wherein the husband was awarded substantially less property than he would have received according to the terms of the alleged agreement. The husband took the case on appeal.

The Appellate Court found that there was no valid agreement between the parties. The Court noted that property settlement agreements are customarily put into writing. The Court felt the husband and wife in this case contemplated that a written agreement would be signed before the terms would be binding on the parties.

The parties to a divorce who enter into settlement negotiations should immediately put any oral agreement in writing and have it signed by the husband and wife. This will provide added assurance that the terms of the agreement will ultimately be binding on the parties.

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## Retired teachers to meet Dec. 5

Granite City branch of Local 743 will be holding its next luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at PK's Restaurant in Edwardsville.

Any Granite City School District #9 retired teacher is invited to attend.

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## Carol's comments

### Too excitement from election

Wednesday last week, the day following the election, I tried to imagine what my entries would have been Tuesday were I a latter-day diarist, in the tradition of Peppys. Something I'm not.

My conclusion was that, literally nobody would have been interested in the petty details for which old Samuel noted. Who gives a damn whether I shower prior to or following that first cup of coffee?

Nonetheless, and in spite of public disinterest in my day and the terminal ennui I shared with most people I know about the lackluster preceding campaign, I decided to give it a shot this week. So if you read this column, you're stuck with it.

With the aforementioned java and cigarette, being a creature of habit, there was the morning paper.

I'm glad I began, for a change, with the comics. B.C., depicting a cave polling place, showed the Fat Broad telling a companion, "Obviously not much of a political choice this year," as they waited their turn outside a voting booth labeled "Dial-A-Dork."

From comics to Commentary. Anthony Lewis on campaign finance reform. Well-reasoned and well-researched. Lewis must once have been a debate team member.

Ellen Goodman, one of my favorite columnists, with her "Confessions of a Bitter Unrepentant Voter," so good I clipped it for filing. Calls herself an "incorrigible, repeat voter" with "a rap sheet as long as your arm" and lists the 10 reasons she "never fails to vote," every one striking a responsive chord. Would love to meet this lady.

Unload the dishwasher, make the bed, and am interrupted by a phone call from some pert-sounding young woman instructing me not to forget it was election day and "vote Democratic and have a nice day." Hang up before I can vent my spleen over her impertinent directive. Shortly before lunch hour, to my polling place since, like Goodman, I'm an unrepentant voter and have been since age 21. No matter that a campaign has been tedious and tiresome or that I'm not enamored by either candidate and wonder my selection of the lesser of two evils, I'll be there.

Part of the reason lies in background. I was reared in the belief that voting is not only a right and a duty, but a privilege and, as it may sound, I still believe that. In addition to which, I also believe that who doesn't vote, isn't entitled to bitch. Cast ballot, thence to lunch,



Carol Clarkin

druglist, grocery and home. Two loads of laundry to do, succumb to temptation of a borrowed whodunit and spend next two hours engrossed in latest adventures of Alex Cross.

Finally aware of late afternoon hour, seek companionship and thirst quencher. Engage in conversation with a friend, Rob, on various topics, ranging from lack of aesthetic appeal of new high school to his orthopedic surgery.

Chat interrupted by brief appearance of grandson, D.J., to remind me (third time) of, hopefully celebratory cocktail party of some local candidates.

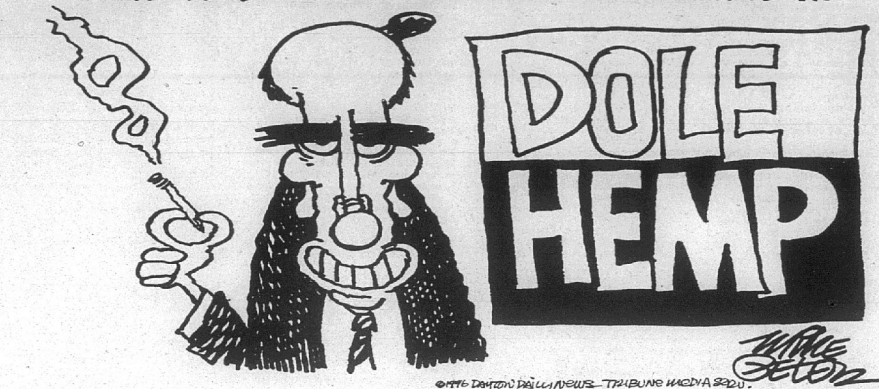
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Exit D.J. Tell Rob I'd rather not attend. Wrong, he says. Your grandson has asked you three times, you'd better go. Reluctantly acquiesce.

D.J. a cashew at party but large number of old friends present. Nurse a couple of O'Connor (and whoever Pat's ladylove-of-the-moment was), listening to radio coverage.

Sigh, briefly, for snobs of yesteryear, turn off TV, pick up whodunit and finish final chapter.

## SUPPORTERS OF PROP 215 WERE HOPING TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THIS FROM THE REPUBLICANS...



## Letters to the editor

### Get educated about drug use

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
The recent news of the increase in drug use among young people prompts us to re-evaluate the methods with which this country is addressing the drug problem. After a decade of decline in drug use among high school students, the last few years have shown an alarming increase. What has happened?

Our leaders are giving a variety of possible reasons for the recent failure of the war on drugs. But history tells us that prevention does work. During the 80s, the prevailing culture was anti-drug. Everyone knew what "Just Say No" referred to. Young people were taught the dangers of marijuana.

The concerns about drug abuse among youths and the beginning of the drug-free youth movement did not come from government officials, though; it came from parents.

In the late 70s, parents became aware that their children were using drugs and that drug use was destroying the lives of those children.

Parents educated themselves about drugs and then educated others. They went to school administrators, doctors, city officials and other people who were in positions to initiate change.

Schools developed policies and programs to discourage use among students. Law enforcement was stepped up. Medical professionals began to identify drug related problems and refer to treatment centers.

We are no longer living in the 80s. The reality of the 90s is somewhat different. Many parents today are struggling with their own drug use: drugs

such as crack, which are highly addictive are easily available. Treatment is more difficult for people to get, but the strategies that worked before can work now.

The drug problem is everyone's responsibility. Whether you are a parent, teacher, nurse, police officer or factory worker you can make an impact on the drug problem.

Get educated and share your information. Get involved and be ready to help a young person. Talk to your legislator and tell him what works in prevention.

For more information on how you can help, contact the Illinois Drug Education Alliance at 630-256-1788 or Chestnut Health Systems at 618-288-3546.

**JEAN SCHRAM**  
Illinois Drug Education Alliance

### Disability or an excuse?

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I was watching television the other evening when the faces of two obviously inebriated old gentlemen appeared on a newscast. The first, disheveled and unshaven staggered into his new apartment, complaints of the taxpayer. He looked as if he was not aware of exactly what was going on, and he probably wasn't because he is an alcoholic.

That condition qualified him to be the recipient of this new apartment and a monthly disbursement of about \$400 a month.

A flash back to the drunk's, excuse moi, *disabled man's* previous apartment, showed the need for a new residence. There were roaches in the old apartment and one can only imagine how uncomfortable it

alcoholic would be in those surroundings. His *disability* would, of course, prevent him from eradicating that problem, so the only solution was to offer him a new apartment.

The other old gentleman just stared vacantly into the camera for several minutes, he was surely wondering, "Where's my new apartment?"

I spent the usual amount of time fuming and sharing recollections with my wife. I soon forgot the matter.

Until the next day, when a fellow retiree dropped by for a visit. Sometime during the course of our usual prattle, he said, "Say Moe, (that's my nickname, but I prefer it be spelled Moe) I just received a letter from the government saying I'm eligible for a earned income tax credit."

He had retired last year on a savings account, instead of taking interest from his retirement account. Some bureaucrat or government computer noticed that he had received no income during this last year and might therefore be eligible for this earned income tax credit. It would seem to me that *unearned* income tax credit would be more descriptive and *credit* in this case means *money*, no credit.

A questionnaire accompanied the letter, the answers to which would decide his eligibility and none of them concerned his bank account. Fuming again, I sat listening and shaking my head. "Wait," my friend said, "There's more."

While he was pondering what he would do with his new found wealth, if he should actually get it, he noticed a construction company replacing windows and putting a new roof next door. "I have a couple windows that leak air, I'll ask them if they will do mine next," he thought.

"Not likely," the contractor told him, "This is a government job. People on the list get their windows and roof

replaced free so there is a long list, but if you get on the list, you will probably get yours done eventually."

So now my friends is figuring on replacing all his windows instead of just two, he doesn't need a new roof, and he can probably spend his *unearned* tax credit on something else.

The only reason I haven't received notification of eligibility to EITC must be that my wife is working. If she loses her job, and if I can talk her into drinking, we might become eligible for two disability payments and two *unearned* tax credits. Then, if we get a new roof and windows (I'd like a bay window in front) the value of our home would be increased enough that we could afford to sell it. And with our newly acquired disabilities, we might be placed in an apartment. I hope it will be on a water front property, that is where I would really like to retire, and I'm not sure I could accept anything else.

I had better start drinking now before my doctor shuts me off.

**PAUL MOHME**  
Collinsville

### Victims' family offers thanks

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
We, the families of the late Miss Christine Haynes, Master Keith Gibson Jr. and Master Carl Morris Jr., who were the fatal victims of a fire which occurred at their residence on Nov. 2, would like to publicly thank everybody for their kindness, prayers, support and love shown to us during our very trying hours.

**HARVEY HAYNES**  
Madison

## Guest columnist

### Droouts set the trend early

(The following column was written by Dr. Thomas Feygle, superintendent of the Collinsville School District.)

A few years ago an interesting study was done by Douglas Hoelt, who was then the regional superintendent of schools in Kane County. Dr. Hoelt had attended a meeting where he heard a speaker say, "Kids don't drop out of high school; they drop out of kindergarten. They simply wait 10 years to make it official."

As Dr. Hoelt pondered that statement, he decided to look at some statistics to see if he could substantiate that notion. Dr. Hoelt chose three high schools in Kane County for the study. He obtained the attendance records for the top 25 students, the middle 25 students and the bottom 25 students of the graduating class of 1990 from each high school. He also obtained the

attendance records of 25 dropouts from each high school.

He examined the attendance records of these four groups of students during their first four years of school, i.e. kindergarten through third grade. What he found was very interesting.

The students who were in the top 25 of their graduating class were absent an average of 5.97 days when they were in kindergarten. The students who graduated in the middle of the class were absent an average of 6.90 days in kindergarten. The students in the bottom 25 of their graduating class had 11.31 days absent in kindergarten. The 25 dropouts were absent an average of 15.25 days while in kindergarten.

The pattern remained the same in the next three grades. In first grade these groups of students had average absences

of 6.52 days, 7.69 days, 12.86 days and 13.41 days, respectively. In second grade the average absences were 6.16 days, 7.23 days, 10.38 days, and 10.76 days, respectively. And in third grade the absences were 4.53 days, 5.00 days, 8.45 days and 11.53 days, respectively.

The top 25 students in the graduating class of 1990 had an annual average of 5.77 days absent when they were in their first four years of school. The middle 25 students averaged 6.89 days absent a year. The bottom 25 were absent an average of 10.71 days a year. The 25 dropouts averaged an absenteeism of 12.69 days a year during their first four years of school.

The evidence is clear. The students who did better in high school had better attendance in primary school.

However, it is not school attendance that is the factor of success. School attendance is

an indicator. School attendance reflects an attitude toward school and education. If it reflects the priorities of a family that are translated to young children. It reflects the importance of education to the children. Parents who understand the importance of education will transfer that understanding to their children, which in turn translates into better attendance at school.

Parents of young children should view these statistics with interest. When parents allow their children to frequently miss school in the early years, they are setting a pattern that may produce undesirable results in later years. By establishing good school attendance patterns in primary school, parents should be helping insure better success in high school.

A good start wins many contests. Likewise in education.

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# People



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Lonnie Sherfy, Post Adjutant of American Legion Post 113, places a flag by a grave marker.



Members of area veterans organization brave the cold Sunday afternoon to form the color guard.

## Veterans honor the past

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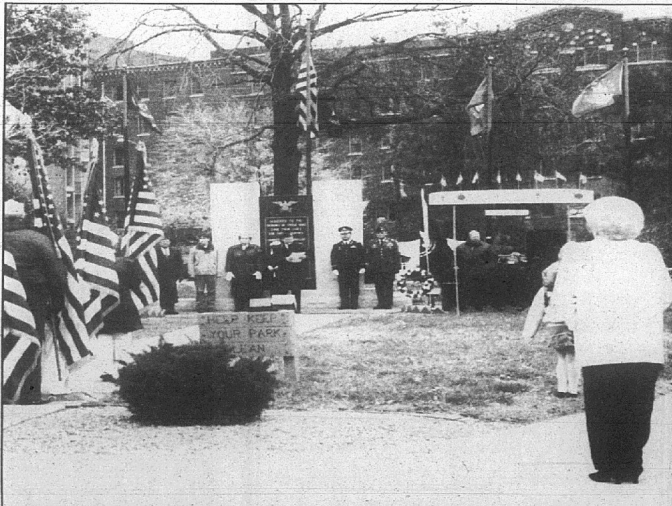
Travis Gergen, right, gives a plant with a flag to Ted Cynarski at Colonial Care Center with his wife Frances. Travis was handing out to veterans on Veteran's Day plants potted by his Cub Scout Pack, 122, with his father, Cubmaster Chris Gergen, next to Travis, and Den Leader Peggy Green, not pictured.



Dottie Baily, President of the AMVETS Auxiliary Department of Illinois, stands in front of the color guard.



Mary Wheller of AMVETS Post 51 bows her head during the benediction at the Veteran's Day Services.



The color guard stands at attention while Lt. Col. Allan Chong of the Army's Charles Melvin Price Support Center addresses those assembled for Veteran's Day services.



James Taylor, President of the Tri City Area United War Veterans, World War II Veteran Cory Baker and Mary Scarsdale, Americanism Chairman for DAV Auxiliary Post 53, visited St. John's Cemetery on Saturday to place flags at the graves of area war veterans.



# NEWS

## Woman accused of mutilation out of jail

The release of a Collinsville woman accused of shooting her boyfriend and mutilating his body has Godfrey Mayor Lars Hoffman up in arms, but the suspect's new neighbors expressed little concern.

Hoffman said Tuesday he is disappointed in authorities who agreed to the release of Suzanne Johnson, who was charged in September with first-degree murder.

Johnson, who left the Madison County Jail Sunday after posting \$40,000 cash bond, is accused of shooting Frank Brown to death in her apartment before decapitating him.

Johnson is reportedly living in Godfrey with her brother, whose address is listed in court documents as her temporary residence.

Hoffman said he has been approached by television media and is concerned the neighborhood may turn into a circus.

"I'm afraid I may turn into a circus atmosphere," he said. "I suspect we may have helicopters flying around. I have taken some precautions in the event that does happen. I've contacted the police and we have discussed what could be done if things get out of control."

Several immediate neighbors of Johnson's brother said they had no problem with Johnson living on their street.

"No one in this house cares," said a man who lives next door to Johnson's brother. "We lived here for a while and they are very nice neighbors. It's just not a concern in this household. I don't think anyone is in danger."

Hoffman said he has not received complaints or calls of concern about Johnson's reported

move to Godfrey.

"I just can't believe the judge was thinking of her best interests or the best interest of our residents," he said. "I think there may have been other accommodations for her. I think jail is one of them and possibly the state hospital. I don't think she belongs in the middle of a subdivision with no supervision."

Madison County Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr. set bond for Johnson at \$400,000 last week at the urging of her attorney, J. William Lucco. Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Susan Jensen did not object to the amount of bond, officials said.

Defendants who are charged with murder and released on bond are often required to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet to reduce the risk of flight.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said a high bond also serves as an insurance policy.

"Usually when someone posts a high bond like in this case they have no intention of running," he said.

Haine said his office did not object to a bond for Johnson because she did not have a criminal history and was not necessarily a danger to society. He said if a bond was denied, Johnson's attorney would have appealed the case to a higher court.

"(Lucco) argued that his client was legally entitled to a cash bond and he was right," Haine said. "He made a very good argument for her release and he would have continued to pursue the matter."

— From The Telegraph

## •Mayor

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2600 block of Madison Avenue (incumbent); Ward 3 — Nick Petrillo of the 2200 block of Cleveland Boulevard (incumbent); Marilyn Matsko of the 2200 block of Lee Avenue, and John Kabbendjian of the 2300 block of Benton Street;

Ward 4 — Foster "Freddie" Frederick of the 2400 block of Logan Avenue (incumbent); Anthony J. Zumbo Jr. of the 2400 block of Missouri Avenue, and Larry Rudder of Briarwood Lane;

Ward 5 — Eddie Asadorian of the 1600 block of Poplar Street (incumbent); Larry Blackwell of the 2700 block of Roosevelt Avenue, and James

E. Bailey Sr. of the 1700 block of Olive Street; Ward 6 (4-year term) — Alan Crider of the 3100 block of Aubrey Avenue (incumbent); and John Petish Jr. of the 3200 block of Carlson Avenue;

Ward 8 (2-year term) — Walter Milton Sr. of the 3200 block of Wabash Avenue (incumbent); and

Ward 7 — Kim Affolter of the 1600 block of Garfield Avenue (incumbent).

A township supervisor will also be elected in April. Current Supervisor Bernie Hagauer has not yet picked up petitions.

Candidates must file petitions between Jan. 13 and Jan. 21 to have their names placed on the April 1 ballot.

## •Plea

(Continued from Page 1A)

County State's Attorney William Haine initially threatened to seek 100 years behind bars if he was convicted by a jury.

Williams was segregated in the Madison County Jail shortly after his arrest in January, when he became the target of a jailhouse beating. Officials said Williams was roughed up by a few inmates after he told them why he had been arrested.

Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich received mixed reviews about comments he made applauding the prisoners for beating Williams. The sheriff added that the jailers broke up the attack and immediately segregated Williams for his own safety.

Williams will be sentenced later by Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner. His attorney, Thomas Hildebrand, could not be reached for comment.



**Helpful** — State Rep. Thomas Holbrook receives a pumpkin grown by Jason Waters, 13, of Granite City. Waters grew the pumpkin in a patch in his back yard. Holbrook said he had seen a picture of Waters and another pumpkin he grew in the Granite City Journal and was reminded of growing them on his father's farm as a child. He wrote Waters a note, and Waters responded to offer him one of the pumpkins from his yard, which Holbrook said he would use for his family's Halloween decorations. Below, Holbrook shows Jason and his mother how to grow large pumpkins by pinching off their sprouts once they have a good start, thus channeling the growth to one sprout.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

## Students preview life at SIUE

Some 1,500 high school and community college students sampled college life Monday at "Preview SIUE," as officials rolled out the red carpet.

Hundreds of students filled University Center to talk with instructors and officials about what Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has to offer.

Last year the first "preview" attracted 1,000 students, and Chancellor Nancy Belck said the good attendance contributed to a 12.4 percent increase in freshman enrollment.

This fall, 1,246 freshmen enrolled, an increase of 133 students from 1995 and 20 percent more than two years ago.

In total, 11,151 students enrolled this fall at SIUE, compared to 11,047 in 1995. "It's a wonderful way to let the faculty and staff let them know what we have to offer."

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— Nancy Belck  
SIUE chancellor

Once they are on campus, SIUE sells itself," Belck said of the preview.

Christa Oxford, director of admissions and registration concurred.

"All the research shows students who visit the campus are more likely to matriculate. Our campus does sell itself," Oxford said.

David Werner, provost and vice president for academic affairs, instructed the group to check out several colleges and to investigate accreditation, flexibility of programs and

course offerings.

"The more you look elsewhere the better we will look," Werner said.

Werner said he will not find a better place where you will get a better return on your investment."

Jeff Wilke, a senior at Edwardsville High, said he was thinking about attending SIUE.

"We're just taking a look at it," Wilke's mother, Cindy Wilke said. Springfield residents Tiffany Davis, 20, who attends Lincolnland Community College and Cassandra Adams, 17, a senior at Southeast High School, made the trip to check out the campus.

— From The Telegraph

## Vargo competes for comedy spot

Vanessa Vargo, a singer, model, and actress from Granite City, was one of two weekly semifinalists in the Art Viul's Comedy Etc. Amateur Comedy Contest held Nov. 6 in Fairview Heights.

All semifinalists were to compete this week for \$50 cash and a Friday night guest spot at Art Viul's Comedy Etc.

Vargo performed her first live acting role as a college kid in the Kelly Lester motion picture, "Manifest of the Heart," which premiered Nov. 10 at the Tivoli Theatre in University City.

Vargo, who said she quit her regular spot on the cable television show "World Wide Magazine" because of the show's content, now performs and guest hosts "Acoustic Cafe," a new show featuring local musicians.

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## Obituaries

### Jessie Sayers

Jessie (Bell) Sayers, 101, of Pontoon Beach died at 8:18 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 1996, at University Manor Nursing Home in Edwardsville. She was born July 31, 1895, in Francesville, Ind.

Mrs. Sayers, a homemaker, was a resident of this area for 70 years and had been ill for a short time. She was a charter member of a local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Ashford of Pontoon Beach, Mildred M. Egley of McLeansboro, and Orabelle Tuttle of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Nameoki United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Hahs officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Nameoki United Methodist Church.

**Henry Modglin**

Henry E. "Hank" Modglin, 76, of Springfield, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 6:15 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, 1996, at Cox South Medical Center, Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Modglin, born in southern Illinois, resided in Granite City for 20 years until 1971 when he retired from Roadway Express and moved to Springfield, Mo. He was employed by Roadway Express for 14 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie L. Modglin; a daughter, Nancy Hoelter-Scanlon of Brandon, Miss.; three sons, Thomas Modglin of Granite City, Daniel Modglin of Stillwell, Kan., and

Timothy Modglin of Springfield, Mo.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 14, at Ayre-Goodwin-Lee Heritage Funeral Home in Springfield, Mo. Burial in Heritage Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.

### Mike Scarbrough

Mike Scarbrough, 38, of Granite City, died at 10:49 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, 1996, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis County where he had been a patient for three weeks. He was born Oct. 30, 1958, in Illinois and was a lifetime resident of Granite City.

Mr. Scarbrough was employed as a chef for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He worked there for 15 years. He was a member of Granite City Odd Fellows — Six Mile Lodge, Granite City. Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Ashford of Pontoon Beach, Mildred M. Egley of McLeansboro, and Orabelle Tuttle of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

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Survivors include four sons, Richard W. and Robert J. Ferris, both of Granite City, David Westwood of Granite City and Clifford D. Ferris II of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; four daughters, Judith A. Johnson of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Sandra E. Hand of Dixon, Mo., and Martha J. McBride of Argola; two brothers, eight sisters, 38 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Keith Sawyer officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

**Alice Mooshegian**

Alice (Greer) Mooshegian, 70, of Granite City died at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, 1996, at her residence. She was born April 25, 1926, in Bytynville, Ark.

A homemaker, she was married to Mike M. Mooshegian on Oct. 24, 1942, in Poplar Bluff, Mo. He preceded her in death on May 7, 1989. She was also preceded in death by her parents, John and Hulda (Waller) Greer.

Survivors include her daughter, Alice Naeve of Granite City; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, with the Rev. Delmar Shirley officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to the American Cancer Society.

## Genealogical Society to meet

The Madison County Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight.

The society meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the fellowship meeting room of the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 800 North Main Street, Edwardsville.

The room is wheelchair accessible.

Following a short business meeting at tonight's meeting, Ellen Nore will give a program. Her topic will be "Teamwork on the History of Edwardsville," the program will include a photo history of Edwardsville.

For information about the society, call Elsie Eberle at 656-1789 or Marie Waber at 656-1789.

## Schools

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officers was quadrupled and parents are being slapped with fines if they knowingly allow their child to skip school.

The other area of concern is 10th grade writing scores. While 47 percent nearly half — of 10th grade students statewide failed to meet state goals writing, 73 percent of the GCHS students who took the test did not meet the goals.

To address the issue, the district implemented "Running Start," a temporary alternative placement center has been established for those students to study while being disciplined.

High School Principal Bill Rotter said the aggressive approach taken by the district has already had a positive impact on attendance and trustworthiness.

For the most part, local students' scores on academic tests — the Illinois College Assessment Program (IGAP) and the American College Testing program (ACT) — were on par with other students in the state at both the elementary and secondary levels.

However one specific area of concern, Stern said, is relatively low reading scores at the third grade level — although seven of the nine elementary schools in the district met state goals in reading.

Some positive statistics reflected in the report card include: fourth grade students at one elementary school exceeded state standards in both science and social studies; sixth graders at one elementary school exceeded state goals in writing; and middle school students met state goals in all areas tested.

The school district expends \$4,612 per pupil each year — far less than the state average of \$5,922.

## Bridge

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major impact on Madison County, even though it would be located in St. Clair County.

The new bridge is one of the major goals of local elected officials serving on the Madison County long-range transportation plan committee.

The bridge would be the northern bridge will be the city of Madison.

The bridge would dump traffic into the city's tax increment financing district between Gateway International Raceway now in the middle of a \$21.5 million renovation and expansion — and a proposed \$8 million golf course.

"There is no limit to what can be developed there," said Madison Mayor John Belloche.

He said people are beginning to realize that Madison and St. Louis County is saturated, and that it is actually easier to get to downtown St. Louis from

Illinois than West County.

The environmental impact study — the next step in construction of the bridge — will take about 18 months.

On the Illinois side, Moeber said wetlands and potentially contaminated properties will be the biggest concerns.

Within 6 to 12 months, he said, there will be a preliminary draft and a public hearing on the proposed bridge. The final report would be completed about a year later.

"After that, we start looking at final design and sources of funding," Moeber said.

The big question would be funding.

The cost of the bridge — including all the approaches — is estimated at between \$400 million and \$550 million.

Moeber said the two choices would be some kind of toll system on all the bridges, or seeking money from state and federal funding.

"If we put in tolls, there will be tolls on every bridge," he said.

"If the public says we don't want the bridge if we have to pay tolls, we won't build the bridge," he said.

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Starting today, shoppers throughout Southwest Madison County will be thinking more and more of Christmas, as bellringers for the Salvation Army start showing up at area stores.

Captain Martin Colip said bellringers would be at approximately 32 locations throughout the area between now and New Year's Eve.

The Granite City office of the Salvation Army covers most of Southwest Madison County, including the Tri-Cities, Edwardsville, Collinsville, and Highland areas.

"Sharing is Caring" is kind of a traditional theme for the Salvation Army, he said.

"And it's really the emphasis of what the Salvation Army's all about — people sharing it with us by giving us donations and us sharing by helping people in need."

Colip said the need for assistance in the coming year will probably be very great.

"We're kind of that safety net — the try and see when there's no place else to go."

"We can only do it if we have the money to do it," he said. "If we don't have the money to do it, we can only do so much."

For information about the campaign or to volunteer, call Colip at 451-7957.

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## Funeral summary

**CRESS, Opal C. (Duncan), 87, of Ballwin, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1996, at Clayton House Health Care Center in Clayton, Mo.**

Services were Saturday, Nov. 9, at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, with the Rev. Bob Widdin officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc., Rose Team.

**LARKIN, "Scup," "Noonie" Ralph R., Jr., 75, of Granite City died at 1:37 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 1996, in Granite City.**

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Holy Family Church with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to either Cancer Association or American Heart Association.

Arrangements handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

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Services were Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Guy Falter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

**Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.**

Memorials suggested to American Lung Association.

**PORTLAND, Donald R., 60, of Granite City died Friday, Nov. 8, 1996, in Granite City.**

Services were Monday, Nov. 11, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, with the Rev. Bruce Rushing officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery on Maryville Road.

Memorials suggested to Alzheimer's Association in St. Louis.

**TAYLOR, Gary W., 52, of Granite City died at 12:23 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 1996, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.**

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**ELMORE, Raymond E., 66, of East Alton died at 7:50 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, 1996, at Carlinville Area Hospital in Carlinville.**

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 13, at St. Kevin's Catholic Church, Rosewood Heights. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials suggested to St. Kevin's Catholic School or Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements handled by Payne Honer for Funerals, 618 E. Airline Drive, East Alton.

**TORGIAN, Fred S., 86, of Belleville died Friday, Nov. 8, 1996, at Rosewood Care Center.**

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 13, at John Barnes Funeral Home, 8501 W. Main, Belleville with the Rev. Vartan Kasabian officiating. Burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorials suggested to St. Gregory Church or Belleville Township High School West Scholarship Fund.

**FERGUSON, Isabelle M. (Voorhees), 74, of Pontoon Beach died at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1996, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.**

Services were Saturday, Nov. 9, at Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Guy Falter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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Memorials suggested to Central Christian Church, Granite City.

**WACHTER, Hilbert F., 73, of Granite City, formerly of Glen Carbon, died at 8:02 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1996, at his residence.**

Services were Saturday, Nov. 9, at Kessler Mortuary Chapel, 9900 St. Clair Avenue, Fairview Heights with the Rev. Clyde Grogan officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

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## Colonial Care Center



# LOCAL NEWS

## Domestic violence victims may get help



**Dinner** — Harpist Cheryl Trusty of Edwardsville will provide musical entertainment Friday at the Community Care Center of Protestant Welfare's annual "Share the Vision" dinner and celebration at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall, 21st Street and Delmar Avenue.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and a buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 per person, \$5 per child, or \$100 per table.

Domestic violence offenders may soon have to contend with more than just a judge and jury.

Madison County officials are in the process of organizing a family violence steering committee and a coordinating council to assist victims of domestic violence.

In a move to centralize and deal more effectively with the topic, Madison County Chief Circuit Judge Nicholas Byron has established a domestic violence court in the main courthouse in Edwardsville.

"The idea is to bring all the cases together in one courtroom, with one judge and one prosecutor," Byron said. "We want all the records in one place so we can keep better track of the cases and the defendants."

The recently formed steering committee, which met for the first time Monday, consists of clergy members, police officers, lawyers, school officials, and representatives

of social service agencies and hospitals. Byron said the group is focusing on domestic violence as a community-wide problem.

"The group's main focus is helping the victims," Byron said. "We're interested in focusing on various social problems that may lead to violence, including drugs and alcohol. We're also planning to assist various agencies with the proper protocol."

He said the group will focus on how to help victims who try to tackle the problem alone.

"We want to make sure the victims follow the proper procedures so they can secure a charge or order of protection if they are needed," he said. "We still have to iron out a lot

of problems.

"A lot of times, victims will go into the prosecutor's office and obtain an order of protection, but don't have the means to follow through with it. We want to try and set up legal assistance for these people so they get the help they need."

Hearings for orders of protection, domestic battery and violations of orders of protection will all be heard in the new court. Companion cases, such as resisting arrest, will also be handled there.

Byron said two additional days each month will be set aside for such cases. Defendants who post bond may make an appearance in the county's satellite courts; those

not posting bond will have to appear in Edwardsville.

"One designated court will help us centralize all the record keeping," Byron said. "That way officials can easily determine if any prior charges

or convictions are involved."

Byron said representatives of the committee will be asked to take the message to their respective organizations.

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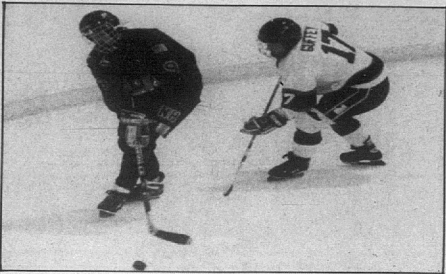
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# Sports



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Mikal Guffey (right) works for the puck during the Warriors' season-opening win over Parkway North.

## Bearcats top Bethel in finale

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

The return of football to McKendree College was an unqualified success. The Bearcats, who last fielded a team in 1950, closed out the 1996 season with a 3-5 record after a 32-6 win over Bethel College on Nov. 2. But McKendree came close to winning at least two other games.

"The kids have done a great job," said head coach Carl Poelker, who came to McKendree after spending 14 years as head coach at Millikin University in Decatur. "They've fought hard all year and played with confidence against a very energetic schedule."

Dr. (James) Dennison (McKendree's president) came out to practice recently and said, "These kids are still hustling and flying around." I said, "They're having fun." I said, "They're nice to be around."

"They're competing hard and developing a style and a tradition. The defense is aggressive and it attacks. The offense is developing a mentality and believing in it."

McKendree opened the season Sept. 7 with a solid performance against Lindenwood College, taking the lead early in the fourth quarter before losing 35-27. The Bearcats lost their next three games before beating Westminster College 27-14 on Oct. 12.

The game was billed as "The Return Bowl," as Westminster last fielded a football team in 1932.

"That game had so much importance to the team, to the school and to our direction," Poelker said. "But even if the outcome had been different, as resilient as these guys have been, they would still be playing like they are now."

The Bearcats were especially impressive in their next game, beating Blackburn 53-20. The winning streak nearly reached three games on Oct. 26, but Eureka College escaped with a 21-20 victory.

Poelker laid the groundwork for a solid program by recruiting mostly freshmen, along with a few transfer students. Many of the players were from Metro East high schools, including:

Brett Gross, a 6-foot-2, 185-pound wide receiver/tight end from Waterloo.

Curt Zurlene, a 6-3, 265-pound right offensive guard from Breese Water Del. He is a junior transfer from Illinois College.

Mike Garavalia, a 6-0, 205-pound middle linebacker from Alton.

Brian Capell, a 6-1, 223-pound defensive tackle from Belleville East.

"I went to Illinois College for two years, and it was an established program in tradition," Zurlene said. "Coming into a place like where they hadn't played football in almost 50 years, no one knew what to expect."

"It was the whole package that made me want to come here. Coach Poelker recruited me out of high school, so I knew what he was like. I also knew the college, and I think it's better academically than Illinois College. I wanted to be part of the McKendree program and part of the college itself."

McKendree also presented an ideal situation for freshmen such as Gross.

(See BEARCATS, Page 2B)

## GCHS skaters (2-0) blank Ladue

Granite City skated to a strong start in its return to Tier I of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association this week with victories in its first two games.

After defeating Parkway North in its opener last week, Granite City shut out Ladue 6-0 on Tuesday. Bobby Harris led the visitors with two goals, and Tony Evans stopped 35 shots in goal for the shutout.

The Warriors also got goals from Chris Hatfield, Mikal Guffey, Dave Miskelley and Vince Whittenburg to improve to 2-0.

In its opener Nov. 8, Granite City traveled to Parkway North and outshot the hosts 49-24 en route to a 6-2 victory. Whittenburg, Hatfield, Harris, Todd McQueen, Chris Hatfield and Dustin Wesley all scored goals for the Warriors.



Harris Evans

The Warriors, who advanced to the Mid-States Tier II finals last season, have won five straight games since their move to Tier I. In the Pucks of Power Tournament this fall, Granite City did not advance past the first round despite wins over McCluer, Hazelwood West and Pattonville. The team defeated McCluer

5-0 on Sept. 28, Hazelwood West 6-2 on Sept. 29 and Pattonville 6-3 on Oct. 6. Vianey won the Pucks of Power Tournament at Kiel Center.

The Warriors, coached by Rick Hodge and assistant Mike Scannell, will face Rockwood Summit in their next game 9 p.m. Friday at Chesterfield. Summit defeated the Warriors for the Mid-States Tier II championship last season.

The Warriors will then visit Fox at 11 p.m. Saturday at South County before facing Francis Howell in their home opener 8:45 p.m. Monday.

The Granite City junior varsity hockey team, coached by Gary Brown and assistant Dave Young, will open play 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at home against Lafayette.

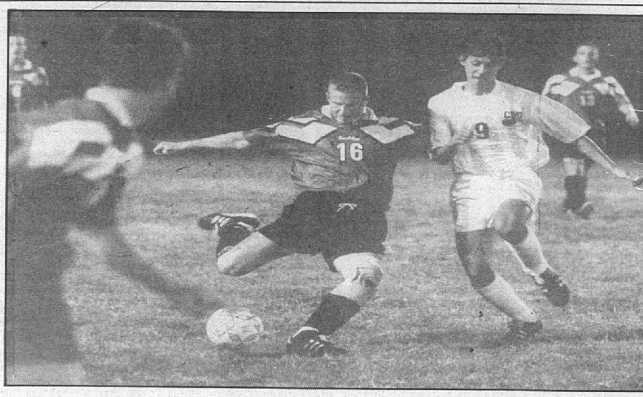
## GRANITE CITY WARRIORS 1996-97 Mid-States Hockey

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15 Summit at Chesterfield..... 9 p.m.  
16 Fox at South County..... 11 p.m.  
18 Francis Howell..... 8:45 p.m.  
22 St. Mary's at Alton..... 9:45 p.m.  
25 Francis Howell North..... 8:45 p.m.  
30 Whitfield at Webster..... 11 p.m.

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9 CBM at Chesterfield..... 8:30  
16 Marquette..... 8:45  
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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

GCHS senior Kyle Briggs (16) was an All-Midwest selection by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association.

## Field leader

Briggs voted region's Player of the Year

By Brian L. Jones  
Correspondent

When Granite City soccer coach Gene Baker calls Kyle Briggs the best prep player in all of southern Illinois, that's not just his opinion.

Briggs, a tri-captain and sweeper back for the Warriors, recently was voted Player of the Year for the South Region by panel members of the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association. While that honor applies directly to schools south of Springfield, Briggs' recognition extends north and even beyond state borders.

Briggs earned All-State honors and was one of only six Illinois players from that squad

named to the All-Midwest (Region) Team, which also includes representatives from seven neighboring states. The other five state selectees are from Chicago.

Briggs follows in the footsteps of Granite City's former sensation Shawn Petroski, a '94 All-Midwest selection, and two other GCHS alumni are now playing world-class professional soccer in Germany.

Such a fate could be awaiting Briggs, though his immediate goal is narrowing down his many options for a Division I college scholarship.

"All-Midwest is a very difficult honor to make down here through the logistics of the state organization being located in Chicago," Baker said. "But Kyle was quite obviously

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## Cougars land three players on all-GLVC team

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Three members of the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville men's soccer team were named all-Great Lakes Valley Conference after leading the Cougars to a 11-7-1 record this season.

The Cougars finished the season last week with a 1-0 GLVC Tournament loss to Quincy in the third overtime period. The Hawks scored on a penalty kick at the 125th-minute mark.

Junior forward Darren Snyder of Wichita, Kan., was named first team all-GLVC and was named first-team all-Central Region by a vote of sports information directors. Snyder's name will now be placed on the All-American ballot.

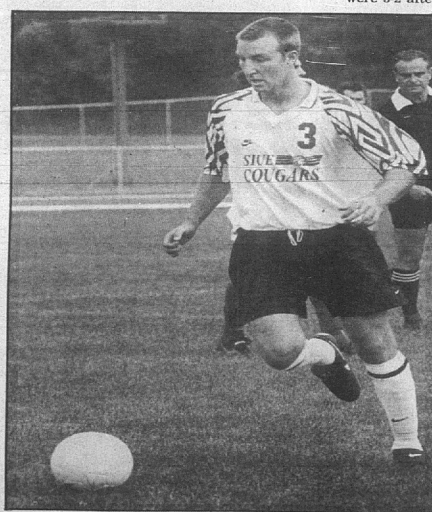
"I think it is a little easier for a flashy forward to get people's recognition," SIUE coach Ed Huneke said of Snyder's accomplishments. "When you can back it up with the stats, that pretty much clinches it. I wasn't really surprised by Darren because he is eye-catching and his stats are as well."

Snyder led the Cougars with 12 goals and eight assists for 32 points. Snyder's totals for points and goals were the most by a Cougar since Huneke took over the program in 1986.

For his career, Snyder now has 22 goals and 13 assists for 57 points, tying him for 16th on the all-time SIUE scoring list. He is tied with Steve Gauvain (1980-83) and Greg Villa (1978-79).

"Any time you can score in double digits in college, you are having a good year," Huneke said. "We can't second-guess his year, but we tend to do so anyway. I think if we could have kept him hot throughout the year we would have been even more successful. In the overall

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(Photo by MARK BONEBRAKE)

Jason Maxfield, a junior forward from Granite City, had four goals this season with the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville men's soccer team. The Cougars finished the year 11-7-1.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

The Warriors hope to have a productive running game next season with the return of Juanel Goodwin (above) and a strong class of sophomores.

## Sophomore crop gives GCHS strong outlook

By Brian L. Jones  
Correspondent

Granite City football coaches applaud Carl Luehmann for the job he has done the last two years with the football Class of '99.

That would be the players on this year's GCHS sophomore team, which recently completed a 6-3 season under Luehmann after going 5-4 when he coached the same group last fall in the freshmen program.

Luehmann attributes much of the improvement to the addition of Chuck Kraus as the other sophomore coach.

Either way, the 10th graders have variety coach Nick Petriolo eagerly awaiting the new reinforcements for next season. The GCHS sophomores opened their difficult schedule with back-to-back victories over perennial powers Chokio and O'Fallon. The Warriors were 3-2 after five games.

The greatest satisfaction was finishing with three straight wins over Belleville West, Alton and East St. Louis, followed by a wild 44-42 loss to visiting Edwardsville in the Oct. 24 finale. That run was made without injured starting fullback and linebacker Tony Komoromi (concussion).

"We just had a real strong team concept as far as camaraderie," said Kraus, who coordinated the defense while Luehmann ran the offense. "Carl should be commended for the super job he did with these kids the last two years. He really shaped and molded these kids. They all stuck with us for two years and we really didn't lose anybody."

The Warriors started this season with 35 sophomores and finished with 32, not counting two injured players.

"The kids that really made the team are the ones who

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## Friederich leads SIUE to record year

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

With freshman standout Janice Friederich pacing the way, the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville women's soccer team had a record-breaking season.

The Cougars broke numerous school records in earning their second-ever NCAA Division II national tournament bid. SIUE lost 2-1 on the road in the first round of the 12-team tournament to Great Lakes Valley Champion St. Joseph's College.

"It was a record-setting season obviously with most wins, most goals scored and least amount of losses," SIUE coach Brian Korbmeseyer said. "We won the Cougar Classic. We won the UMSL Grey Eagle Classic. We had a number of players make all-tournament teams. We have a couple of players that have a chance to make All-American. It was kind of a nice team thing."

The Cougars finished the season with a 16-3-2 overall mark, the most victories in one year by SIUE. As a team, the women set a new record for most goals (63) and assists (48) in one season. They also tied the school mark with 107 corner kicks.

Korbmeseyer said the record-breaking season came about because of the players' talents and (See SIUE, Page 3B)



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## •Cougars

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picture of things, he had a good year."

Earlier in the season, Snyder was the Division II leader in scoring. However, as the season progressed, teams began marking him more tightly. When that started, Snyder began dishing off to his teammates.

"Darren is an excellent one-on-one player. He can beat people real effectively with his moves, and again that's what catches people's eyes," Huneke said. "What we like to call his juking is something that becomes very noticeable."

Collinsville native Steve Van Dyke and Jerry Reed were picked second-team all-GLVC by a vote of the conference coaches.

Van Dyke, a senior, transferred from Eastern Illinois University to SIUE this season. Van Dyke, a talented goal scorer, moved back to sweeper for Huneke's squad this fall.

He did record two goals and one assist for the Cougars. "Steve was very instrumental in our success this year," Huneke said. "He probably did so much out of position."

We were forced to play him in the backfield even though originally we had intended to play him up front. At the same time, being the complete player he is, he adapted very well back there."

Van Dyke's knowledge from playing up top made his adjustment to playing in back an easier transition. Van Dyke knew where to be and how to play the ball in certain situations based on his experience at forward.

"It is paramount that defenders distribute out of the backfield and be an excellent passer," Huneke said. "I knew that about Steve. The part that surprised me was his ability to win one-on-one duels. He did that extremely well."

Reed, a junior midfielder from Springfield, came into his

own this season for the Cougars. Reed collected six goals, including two game-winners, and added three assists for SIUE.

"Jerry Reed is a great American dream story," Huneke said. "Jerry walked on here from Springfield, Ill. He got minimal time his freshman year, being the complete player and gained respect his sophomore year during his time. Through hard work over those two years, he really blossomed into an effective midfielder this year."

Huneke said overall, he can't complain about the all-GLVC selections even though he would have liked to see perhaps one or two more SIUE players honored.

"I think it is more important that these three did get the recognition," Huneke said. "There were a couple of others on the bubble of gaining some recognition, but you can't be too greedy."



Kyle Briggs (left) had 11 goals and 11 assists on the season, including five in three playoff games for GCHS.

(Staff photo by JOHN REESE)

## •Bearcats

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"To me, it was an opportunity to come in and have a chance to play the first year or two," Gross said. "I couldn't do that at a bigger school."

"From day one, my friends and family were saying 'You guys probably won't be too good because you're a first-year team.' But we've really opened some eyes."

As the season progressed, the Bearcats got better and better. "With the talent and coaching and some of the people we had coming in, I thought we could pull a few wins together," Zurlicke said. "A team like Blackburn might have looked past us. If we could play the first four games over again, it would be a totally different year."

"It's kind of neat to see this team come together as it has," Gross said. "Most of us didn't have any college experience and we hadn't played together before."

Interest in the program was high from the start, as more than 200 potential players visited the campus. On Aug. 12, 129 players reported for McKendree's first football practice in nearly half a century.

"With the number of players we had, I thought we would be all right," Garavalia said. "But I didn't expect us to be able to compete the way we have."

"The season has gone great," Capell said. "We've been competitive in every game. A lot of it has to do with team unity. We didn't know each other, but we came together real well. It's great to start a tradition."

## Sports shorts

### Basketball clinic

The U.S. Army Chicago Melvin Price Support Center's second annual basketball clinic will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Price Center near Granite City.

Former St. Louis University standout Scott Highmark, National Champion AUSA coach Rich Gray, Parkway South High School's Chris Ellis and Craig Harbaugh of Webster University will be featured.

The \$6 admission charge includes a clinic T-shirt for participants.

### Nova Stars tryouts

Tryouts for the Nova Stars Soccer Club U-18 boys select team, for players born Aug. 1, 1979 to July 31, 1979, will be held at the following times and locations:

6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Benbow Field, Wood River; 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at the EASC fields at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Each player should bring a small, current school picture, a copy of his birth certificate and his social security number. For more information, call (314) 251-1698 during the day or 259-0186 or 259-4139 in the evening.

Call the hotline at 259-1691 have."

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### Chili Open

The Legacy Golf Course's second annual Chili Open will be held Saturday, Nov. 16. Tee times for the four-player scramble event start at 10 a.m. The fee of \$160 per team covers 18 holes with a cart, prize money and a chili buffet after the tournament.

An optional skins game will be offered. For more information, call Mike at 931-4653.

### Boys basketball tournament

The annual KMOX Metro Collegian Boys Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 20-22 and Dec. 27-29. There are divisions for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth-grade teams, with a three-game minimum. For more information, call Joe at (314) 498-0498 or Bryan at (314) 291-3521.

### Raiders seek players

The St. Louis Raiders girls 18-under fastpitch softball team is in need of a catcher and a pitcher. For more information, call Jim at (314) 458-0700 (work) or (314) 458-3921 (home).

## •Briggs

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the best player in southern Illinois."

And you thought Briggs knew how to maneuver through traffic on the soccer field? Imagine him finding trophy space at home after the upcoming GOES fall sports banquet to be held next Wednesday. His name will be called often, just as it was by stadium announcers when the Warriors scored goals.

"Well, let's see...he also made the Tournament of Champions All-Star team, which has a great deal of validity to it," Baker said. "He made first team All-Southwest Conference. The All-Metro team is still ahead and we'll see if he makes that."

"Maybe one of his biggest honors was making the first team of the Chicago Tribune's (11-member) Dream Team. We're really proud of the kid because he had a fantastic year for us. And I know he'll continue to have a fine year in basketball and baseball."

Soccer sweepers generally have more freedom to roam the field than other backs. The 5-foot-11, 170-pound Briggs had the gift of expanding his range

of effectiveness in the middle and attack zones.

He virtually redefined his position as the centerpiece of a Warriors team that went 11-8 and lost to state runner-up Collinsville in the Granite City Sectional championship game.

"(The sweeper back) zones up the defense for everyone, meaning he ties it up at the deep third," Baker said. "But Kyle was a player who could go forward to the middle third and give us a ball winner. He makes the short and long through-passes. He also can get into the front third, where he becomes a dangerous scorer."

Briggs proved that when he netted five goals in three playoff games to overtake regular-season scoring leader Scott Mills as the Warriors' top overall point man. Briggs finished with 11 goals and 11 assists for 33 points.

Mills, a forward who along with Eric Edwards were the other tri-captains, finished second with 10 goals.

"We have a history of some great sweepers like Kyle," Baker said. "But he's a throwback to some of our best players of the past who did so much on all three thirds of the

field."

Considering Briggs has played prep soccer for only two years, his success is a credit to Baker's coaching staff and to the Granite City Elks youth program. Briggs Mills and Edwards all grew up playing select soccer together. Briggs also will earn his third varsity letters this year in basketball and baseball.

He started full-time last year for the GCHS basketball team at point guard and for the baseball team as a left-handed contact hitter with above-average power for a shortstop. The son of Clabbe and Harold Briggs—the superintendent of Madison County schools—Kyle carries a 4.45 grade-point average on a 5.0 scale. That's the ultimate drawing card for college scouts.

"He's going to visit the University of Kentucky, the University of Alabama-Birmingham and probably Evansville University in Indiana," Baker said. "Now, those are going to be soccer visits. But the opportunities could expand because of his potential in other sports. It's still his call. He'll have plenty of time to see what else arises."

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## •Football

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"He was out all positions," wasn't quite an adjustment for kids took him in and he adapted. I'd talking about all year for the kids to see. The top scorers, er, running back after Tom I-back Brooks fullback Anthony Sean Kuemo a complementary hard-running team rushing line. The 5-foot-11, dazzo, who scored downs in the field become a forced next year.

"Randazzo was enal when he took back after Tom missed the last games," Kraus. He scored three downs almost there near the nning game was Justin Hale. marks leading quarterback, the get to pass must joined the team. tually emerged.

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## Football

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came out to practice every day and worked hard," Kraus said. "Maybe they didn't play as much as the regulars, but they're the ones who made the football team better."

Consider, for example, the inspirational effect of Dennis Davis, a transfer student from the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville. Davis is completely deaf and has a severe speech impediment, yet he saw substantial action as a role player.

"He was our long snapper of all positions," Kraus said. "He wasn't quite used to the level of hitting in the Southwestern Conference. It was a big adjustment for him, but the kids took him under their wing and he adapted with very limited talking ability. He stuck it out all year and he was a joy for the kids to be around."

The top scorers in the Power-I running attack were 1-back Brooks Narvaez and fullback Anthony Randazzo. Sean Kuemo added speed as a complementary backup for the hard-running Narvaez, the team rushing leader.

The 6-foot-1, 220-pound Randazzo, who scored three touchdowns in the final game, could become a force on the varsity next year.

"Randazzo was just phenomenal when he took over at fullback after Tony (Komoromi) missed the last three or four games," Kraus said. "Randazzo scored three or four touchdowns almost every game there near the end. Our running game was very good."

Justin Hale earned high marks leading the offense at quarterback, though he didn't get to pass much. Kevin Venn joined the team late, but eventually emerged as a versatile

halfback. He even saw some time on the offensive and defensive lines. Sean Courtney and Jeremy Hunter split time at the wingback position.

GCHS used a double-tight end set with Bill Kee and Matt Lezart rotating on the left side. Ben Temple (left tackle), John Ahlors (left guard) and Joe Laird (center) all had solid seasons, but the Warriors powered most of their runs to the right side. The stalwarts over there were guard Ray Fowler, tackle Jake Smith and tight end Mike Simpson.

"Ray Fowler was an outstanding pulling guard, but Mike Simpson was our go-to guy," Kraus said. "He's a big, strong kid. (The varsity coaches) are going to be looking at a lot of these boys as juniors because they're graduating almost their entire offensive line."

Simpson also started on defense at left end with Lezart and Ahlors splitting time at right end. The tacklers were Kee and Randazzo. Jared Brown played every game at left defensive guard, but Venn replaced Casey Adams at right guard for the last few games.

"You can't really replace Komoromi, who we sorely missed at linebacker," Kraus said. "But Casey Adams really did a nice job when we moved him back there, considering he was a true down guard playing out of position. Travis Catron was the other linebacker all year and he gave us a lot of quickness."

Hunter and Courtney started at the cornerback positions, while Kuemo backed up starter Ryan Adams at strong safety. Other reserves seeing significant time were left tackle Ben Judd, center/tackle Craig Mooshegian and defensive back Rocky Marsala.

## Prep volleyball

### CLASS AA

East St. Louis Regional  
Tuesday, Oct. 29  
Game 1: ESL Lincoln 15-15, East St. Louis 1-7  
Game 2: GCHS 15-15, Cahokia 7-12

Thursday, Oct. 31  
Championship: GCHS 15-15, ESL Lincoln 3-11

Belleville East Sectional  
Tuesday, Nov. 5  
Game 1: Salem 15-15, GCHS 6-10  
Game 2: Belleville West 15-15, Marion 6-4

Thursday, Nov. 7  
Championship: Belleville West 15-15, Salem 2-4

Highland Regional  
Tuesday, Oct. 29  
Game 1: Highland 15-11-15, Collinsville 6-15-13, 7 p.m.

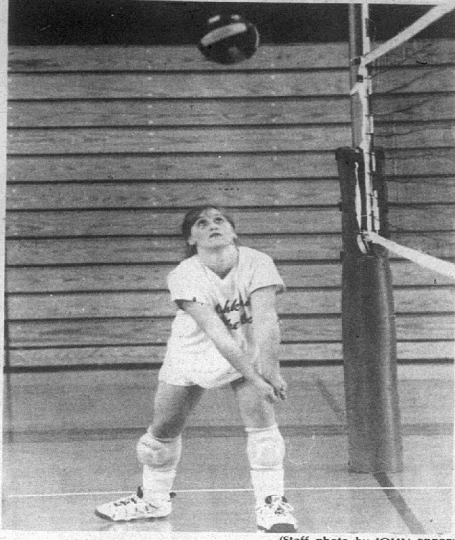
Thursday, Oct. 31  
Championship: Triad 15-7-15, Highland 7-15-8

Edwardsville Sectional  
Tuesday, Nov. 5  
Game 1: Triad 15-11-15, Edwardsville 13-15-17  
Game 2: Stephen Decatur 15-12-16, Taylorville 9-15-14

Thursday, Nov. 7  
Championship: Triad 15-15, Stephen Decatur 3-12

Granite City Super-Sectional  
Saturday, Nov. 9  
Game 1: Belleville West 15-15, Triad 1-9

State Tournament  
Friday, Nov. 15  
at Redbird Arena, Normal  
Game 1: Chicago - Mother McCauley vs. Lane Tech, 11 a.m.  
Game 2: Crystal Lake South vs. Stagg, noon  
Game 3: Belleville West vs. Downers Grove South, 6 p.m.  
Game 4: Lockport vs. Normal, 7 p.m.



Amy Tapp of GCHS makes a dig.

Saturday, Nov. 16  
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 11 a.m.  
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### Grizzard - 55 years

W.J. and Martha Grizzard of Indian Mound, Tenn., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Sept. 7, 1996, with a party hosted by their children. The celebration was held in Edwardsville and attended by approximately 60 friends and relatives.

Mr. Grizzard and the former Martha Perrin were married Sept. 5, 1941, in Dover, Tenn. W.J. retired from Granite City in 1980. He and Martha then moved back to Tennessee.

They are the parents of two children, Carol McConnell of Edwardsville and Richard Grizzard of Granite City; as well as grandparents and great-grandparents.

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Mr. and Mrs.  
John Wojtowicz

### Wojtowicz- 60 years

John and Tillie Wojtowicz of Granite City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 27, 1996, with a Mass and blessing by Rev. Frances Tebangura at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Mr. Williams and the former Tillie Hoffman were married Sept. 28, 1936, at St. Charles Barreiros Church in DuBois, Ill.

They are the parents of two children, Marcella Haun of Lyons, Ill., and Robert Wojtowicz of Granite City.

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### Amy Antoff and Matthew Girardier Girardier- Antoff

Amy Marie Antoff and Matthew L. Girardier were married Sept. 14, 1996, at an outdoor ceremony in the city park of Washington, Mo., by the Rev. Greg Dickerman.

The bride is the daughter of Joan and Phillip Achenbach of Granite City, and granddaughter of Norman and Marie Reinhardt of Granite City.

The groom is the son of William V. Girardier of Highlandville, Mo., and Mary Lee Evans of Leslie, Mo.

Stephanie Ashley of St. Louis, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaid was Theresa Lear of Granite City.

Jason Landing of St. Clair, Mo., friend of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen was Randy Miller of St. Clair, Mo.

The flower girl was Morgan Namby, daughter of a friend. The ringbearer was Randy Antoff, son of the bride.

Ushers were Mitchell Girardier of New York and Jerry Landing of St. Clair, Mo.

A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, St. Clair, Mo.

Following a honeymoon in the Bahamas, the couple resides in St. Clair.



Tanya Renee Elliott  
and Ronald Clyde Fisher  
Jr.

### Fisher - Elliott

Tanya Renee Elliott and Ronald Clyde Fisher Jr. were married Sept. 7, 1996, at St. Peters United Church of Christ in Granite City by the Rev. Rose Hermonat.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Rose Elliott of Granite City. A 1991 graduate of Granite City High School, she is employed by Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis as a secretary.

The groom is the son of Ronald Sr. and Nina Fisher of Granite City. A 1994 graduate of Granite City High School, he is employed by Unified Aircraft of Granite City as an inspector.

Sandy Cummings of Edwardsville, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Jaime Elliott, sister of the bride; Trish Embrey, sister of the groom; and Emily Wheelright, friend of the bride.

Daryn Strong of Granite City, friend of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen were Jeff Witter, Steve Kondrich, and Brian Welborn, all friends of the groom.

A reception was held at Amvets Hall in Madison. Following a honeymoon to Orlando and Daytona, Fla., the couple is residing in Granite City.

### Banquet held

The Knights of Columbus Council 1096 held its first-ever banquet and dance on Columbus Day, Oct. 12. A total of 250 members, wives and guests enjoyed a catered dinner by Brenda's.

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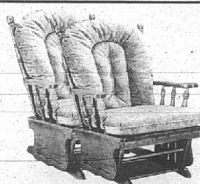
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# Horoscope

**Thursday, Nov. 14**  
Under the adventurous Sagittarius moon, we only feel a challenge. The most profound one is our own fears. The Scorpio sun shows us what we are afraid of —

if we didn't already know. And the Sagittarius moon lends the energy and courage it takes to conquer obstacles in the way. Listen to the trials of others for strength.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Do your deep thinking in

the early hours and your interpersonal relating in the afternoon. Moods are cheerful, and energy is high. Some of the struggling you've been doing is unnecessary. A Scorpio is on your side.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There are more ways to overcome adversity than the traditional ways you keep trying. Be creative now. Wait until this evening to talk about money with your mate. You can agree on how to deal with a difficult family member.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). An experienced friend knows your heart. Keep promises or you will be made accountable. As people show they are trustworthy, you can feel yourself get friendlier. Identify problems in the morning.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are the light of someone's life. If you spat with your lover yesterday, do something romantic to make up for it. Listen between the lines when a child talks. Clients appreciate your gestures and will be faithful.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).



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Relaxation is necessary for growth. Complete paperwork in the morning. Ignore criticism in the afternoon, and stand your ground while a testy co-worker tests you. What you have in common with an Aquarian makes a solid friendship.

**BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 14). You are a powerful force, and people step out of the way to allow you access to your goals. December and January are social, introducing you to love. It's your choice how far you'd like to take one very special relationship. Work brings

money in February or you could start your own business. Your best signs for love are Capricorn and Aquarius.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Reading will solve a personal problem. A flirtation that starts today gets more intense as the week progresses. Health resolutions are easier to keep now. Comfortable relationships are emphasized this evening.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People can only chase you if you run away. Practice relaxation techniques when work gets stressful. Important paperwork goes smoothly, and you are thorough. Evening plans with your love are better than you expected.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can apply your new insights to human nature. Work is difficult but rewarding. Tonight, combine the fun of loving your best guy or gal and enjoying trusted friends. Reconciliations and getting hitched are favored.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have more influence over your family

than you are currently exercising. The final chapter of a long story is finally closed. The tendency to keep your thoughts to yourself is putting your family in suspense.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your approach to business will bring in more revenue than in the past. Meetings yield results, including extra assignments for you. Romantic competition inspires you to improve yourself. Examine possibilities.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are on a higher calling. Meditate on the options — then, get to work. A dominating force steps out of the way, and you end up in charge. Love is appreciative but confused about how to show itself.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are precious to someone in power. Take the lead if the team spirit falters tonight, unexpected socializing with business associates is called for. Remember to call home. Talking on the phone expands your horizons.

## Midwesterner keeps low profile

It seems unlikely the archaic term "Good Hollywood" will attach itself to Chris O'Donnell, who, in his quiet way, has climbed into the top ranks of young leading men.

Maybe it's because he grew up in a tight-knit family as the youngest of seven children. At any rate, the actor makes his home not in Bel-Air or Malibu but in a townhouse in downtown Chicago.

"I don't like the winters there, exactly," he concedes. "But I don't spend any time there; I move around so much."

"I go crazy if I stay too long in L.A. It's beautiful. I love it out here. I have a good time. But you get too much consumed by the 'business' if you spend too much time out here. That's not what makes me happiest."

"If I go back to Chicago or I go to Washington, D.C., to see my girlfriend, I realize what's important to me and what really makes me happy."

"It's easy to get swept away in L.A. and the whole scene. It's very seductive. It's important to me to make sure I get out of town."

His girlfriend is Caroline Fennegross, a kindergarten teacher, sister of a college roommate.

O'Donnell's clean-cut good looks got him "TV commercial jobs while he was in high school in Chicago. As he was graduating, his agent arranged an audition for the role of Jessica Lange's son in the 1990 movie "Men Don't Leave." O'Donnell flew to New York and Los Angeles for tryouts and was selected for the part. He skipped his first semester at Boston University to make the movie.

He stayed in college for two years, then the films started coming: "Fried Green Tomatoes," "Scout of a Woman," "The Three Musketeers," "Circle of Friends," "Mad Love," "Elizabethtown."

"I took me about five or six years to graduate," O'Donnell said. "I'm glad I did it. That was the best experience I've ever had — the college years."

He started out as a finance major, but because he missed semesters for filmmaking, he figured he could handle marketing better. Not bad preparation for the movie business, in which marketing now plays such a strong role.

"What about the marketing of Chris O'Donnell?"

"My attitude is that when I have a film coming out, I want to promote it as much as I can," he said. "I think it's important to help the film out, help your career out. Other than that, I just want to stay out of the limelight."

"Number one, people can get sick of you. Number two, I'm just not that interested in being in the spotlight. Part of the deal in this business is you lose your anonymity; you get recognized all over the place."

"It's a lot worse for some people, because they really seek the spotlight; they want to be at every premiere and involved in every fund-raiser and benefit. That's not my approach."

"I look at someone like Harrison Ford, as big a movie star as there is. I don't know anything about that guy's personal life. Then there are some stars whose whole life is written up in the papers. I figure when you're out promoting a film, work hard, do what you got to do. Other than that, stay ...

out of the public eye."

O'Donnell, 26, was dutifully taking time from his reprise role as Robin in "Batman & Robin," now shooting at Warner Bros., to publicize his current release, "The Chamber."

In this latest of the John Grisham adaptations, O'Donnell plays a Southern lawyer who tries to save his bigoted grandfather, Gene Hackman, from execution for a racial slaying. Of Hackman: "He's been in so many movies, and the guy is always good. Even if the movie stinks, he is great."

"People always ask me what did I learn from Al Pacino (in 'Scout of a Woman'), what did I learn from Gene Hackman? It's hard to explain, as far as acting tips are concerned. A lot of it is just being there and being able to observe what they do."

"Acting is such a personal thing. Everyone has their own little routine they go through, mental things to prepare. I was not a classically trained actor. I just sort of picked up tips along the way — on-the-job training."

I just think the way Gene is so low-key about everything. He's a huge star, but he comes in the morning and he's totally prepared. He sits on the set by the camera, ready to work. After the take's over, he's just sitting there waiting, ready to go."

"Gene does the character and he's down with it. All he does is, he keeps it with him more. After a take, he goes back to his dressing room and he's working on stuff; he's kind of the mad scientist in there. Pacino would like to do 100 takes of every scene. All differently."

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